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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 20-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 20-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 October 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 20-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yeo et al. (US 7074656).

Regarding claim 20. Yeo discloses a portion of a wrap-around-gated field-effect transistor formed on a handle wafer, the portion comprising:

an silicon-on-insulator (SOI) island (112, Figs. 1c,3b) comprising a surface periphery with a surface facing toward the handle wafer, the SOI island extending, for a length, along a major axis in the horizontal direction (Fig. 3b); and

a gate electrode (110, Fig. 3b) surrounding and supporting the SOI island, the gate electrode extending in a vertical direction from the handle wafer, the gate electrode having a thickness, in the horizontal direction, less than the length of the SOI island such that a portion of the SOI island extends on one side of the gate electrode and a second portion of the SOI island extends on another side of the gate electrode, and the

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gate electrode extending entirely around the surface periphery of the SOI island such that a portion of the gate electrode is between the surface of the SOI island and the handle wafer (Figs. 1c, 3b and Cols. 3-4).

Regarding claim 21, Yeo further discloses wherein a first edge face of the SOI island extends outward on one side of the gate electrode (110) and a second edge face of the SOI island extends oppositely outward on another side of the gate electrode (Fig. 3b).

Regarding claim 22, Yeo further discloses wherein the gate electrode (110) has a cross-sectional profile that is C-shaped (Fig. 1c).

Regarding claim 23, Yeo further discloses wherein a portion of a top surface of the SOI island (112) is exposed (Fig. 3b).

Regarding claim 24, Yeo further discloses wherein at least a portion of the SOI island is supported underneath by an oxide layer (116, Fig. 3b) on the handle wafer.

Regarding claim 25, Yeo discloses a field-effect-transistor formed on a handle wafer, the field-effect -transistor comprising:

a silicon-on-insulator (SOI) island (112, Fig. 3b) comprising a surface periphery with a surface facing toward the handle wafer and two edge faces, the SOI island

oriented substantially in a horizontal direction; a wrap-around gate electrode (110, Fig. 3b) oriented in substantially a vertical direction intersecting with the SOI island between the two edge faces such that a first portion of the SOI island extends on one side of the gate electrode and a second portion of the SOI island extends on another side of the gate electrode, and the wrap-around gate electrode extending entirely around the surface periphery of the SOI island such that a portion of the gate electrode is between the surface of the SOI island and the handle wafer (Fig. 3b and Cols. 3-4);

a source region (126, Fig. 3b) formed in the first portion of the SOI island; and
a drain region (128, Fig. 3b) formed in the second portion of the SOI island.

Regarding claim 26, Yeo further discloses wherein a portion of a bottom surface of at least one of the first portion of the SOI island or the second portion of the SOI island is exposed (Fig. 3b).

Regarding claim 27, Yeo further discloses wherein at least one of the first portion of the SOI island or the second portion of the SOI island is supported underneath by an oxide layer (116, Fig. 3b).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 20-27 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas M. Menz whose telephone number is 571-272-1877. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bill Baumeister can be reached on 571-272-1722. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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